

JERRY, FAMOUS MOUSE SLEUTH, DIES ON DUTY



Cincinnati, O., Sept. 30.—Jerry, the famous pure food detective, in the service of the Health Department, is dead—a martyr to duty.

Jerry died while at work on the great gum drop mystery. With his last breath he solved this case, and he goes to his grave with his task finished.

Only the other day when Chief Food Inspector Blume assigned Jerry to find out whether there was any injurious matter in some gum drops that had been seized by the Health Department, Jerry went cheerfully to his task, proceeding immediately to nibble at the gum drop without thought of the possible consequences. It is thus with all brave detectives.

Taste Is Fatal.

He began clearing up the gum drop mystery as soon as he started his investigation.

He took sick and then it became fairly sure to his chief, Inspector Blume, that there was injurious material in the confectionery.

When he finally died, Jerry proved beyond peradventure of doubt that the gum drops were no good, whereupon Blume condemned them. Thus, although he died in the effort, Jerry finished his greatest case.

Jerry, as should have been stated at the beginning, belongs to the white mouse and rat squad that the Health Department has bought to act as food detectives. Suspected food is given them. If they get sick or die, the food is put under further observation. If they survive, suspicion is lifted from the food.

Give 'Em Your Cases.

Sometimes when the detectives don't like to eat the food assigned to them for investigation, it is injected through their skins with a needle. The other day a dairyman lost 18 cows through sudden death. The salt the cows had consumed was suspected. Some of the same kind of salt was injected into a rat detective. He solved the mystery. It WAS the salt that killed the cows, because it also killed the detective.



The banana disease has caused great loss to the growers during the last year, but the United Fruit Company has been spending large sums of money in experimenting and studying this plague, with the result that it has discovered a plant, called the Australian banana, that is immune to the disease, and seems to flourish where the former variety would wither and die.